

Town of Craftsbury Selectboard Minutes

~approved with corrections~

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

- Matthew Derr, layout plan for Sterling College Students on Campus - 7 PM
- Approval of Minutes
- Steve Moffatt, Conservation Commission-Discuss Disposal of Invasives and Possible Report on ash Inventory in Town ROW
- Water Company Request for Common
- Town Lands
- Mural incident discussion
- Discuss Gov. Scott statement: As of August 1st "Gov. Scott requires all Vermonters to wear masks or cloth facial coverings any time it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet with others outside their household."
- State Face Masks for Town
- Statement to consider, adopt, and advertise:
"The Select Board of the Town of Craftsbury resolves to Celebrate Community, Honor Common Humanity, Provide a Safe and Healthy Place to Live, Work, and Visit. We Stand for Equality and Dignity for all and condemn racial injustice or intimidation in any form."
- Policy Discussion about Signage on Town Property
- Academy Woodlot Forest Management Plan
- Old Home Day
- Committee Reports & Appointees
- Road Foreman's Report
- Clerk Report
- Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board
- Other Business

The Selectboard met at Craftsbury Town Hall 7 PM on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. Selectboard present were Bruce Urie, Jim Jones and Susan Houston. Michelle Warren (Selectboard Clerk), Matthew Derr, Farley Brown, Linda Ramsdell, Heather Quinn, William Quinn, Iva Wright, Jay Wright, Angel Baraw, David Flint, Matt Allen, Julian Sharp, Shawn Baraw, Pete Johnson, Meghan Stotto Wayland (Barton Chronicle), Megen Sutherland and Dave Stoner were also present.

Matthew Derr, layout plan for Sterling College Students on Campus - 7 PM:

Matthew explained the detailed plan for students returning to Sterling College. A small group will be arriving this Sunday, the majority of students are arriving August 23th. Sterling College has 54 employees. When you combine both staff and students, Sterling College has 175 people in all. Since March, they have been planning, along with the Governor's office, reopening Sterling College. They have increased staff to include a full-time nurse plus a full time and half-

time dean position. They have reserved one resident hall for anyone sick. They are also limiting guests coming to campus. All students will be filling out a commitment form to share responsibility. Students will be living and eating in small pods, grouped together by classes. Matthew was asking for the community's help in adhering to social distancing guidelines and face covers if coming to the campus. They will not be hosting events at the moment, will wait to see how things unfold. Meghan will be in direct contact with the Fire Department for emergency contacts.

Approval of Minutes:

Jim made motion to approved the minutes of July 21, 2020 with one revised correction. Seconded and approved.

Steve Moffatt, Conservation Commission- Conservation Commission-Discuss Disposal of Invasives and Possible Report on ash Inventory in Town ROW

Susan mentioned that the Conservation Commission were not able to get the grant to help dispose of Japanese Knotweed. Right now, disposal is on hold.

Farley said that the Conservation Commission met with Jared Nunnery to discuss the ash trees in the right of way. Jared suggested removing trees now, when there is still value with the trees. It's a big job though Farley commented.

The Conservation Commission is still planning a bench for Steve Wright on the Common.

Water Company Request for Common:

A water company was looking for another well site on the Common. They looked at the Gazebo, but doesn't think it will be a possibility.

Town Lands:

Bruce reported that Angela Ross is working on the unclaimed properties in Town.

Mural incident discussion:

The Selectboard remarked that the mural on the Common has been removed.

Discuss Gov. Scott statement: As of August 1st "Gov. Scott requires all Vermonters to wear masks or cloth facial coverings any time it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet with others outside their household.":

Susan requested the Selectboard acknowledge Gov. Scott Statement (above). Shawn noted that Governor Scott also added exceptions in the second paragraph for those with medical or developmental issues that is complicated or irritated by facial coverings, or anyone with difficulty breathing. Angel added that anyone who doesn't wear a mask does not need to provide documentation.

Susan made a motion to acknowledge Gov. Scott mandate for all Vermonters to wear masks

or cloth facial coverings any time it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet with others outside their household. Susan added Gov. Scott's mask exclusions for those with medical or development issues that are complicated or irritated by facial coverings, or those with difficulty breathing. Jim seconded, motion moved.

State Face Masks for Town:

Brue said that he signed up Craftsbury for 200-225 masks for the Town. He wasn't yet sure when they will be arriving, or how the State wants the Town to distribute.

Statement to Consider, Adopt, and Advertise: "The Select Board of the Town of Craftsbury resolves to Celebrate Community, Honor Common Humanity, Provide a Safe and Healthy Place to Live, Work, and Visit. We Stand for Equality and Dignity for all and condemn racial injustice or intimidation in any form."

Susan made a motion to "The Select Board of the Town of Craftsbury resolves to Celebrate Community, Honor Common Humanity, Provide a Safe and Healthy Place to Live, Work, and Visit. We Stand for Equality and Dignity for all and condemn racial injustice or intimidation in any form."

After discussion and slight revision, **Susan made a revised motion, "The Select Board of the Town of Craftsbury resolves to Celebrate Community, Honor Common Humanity, Provide a Safe and Healthy Place to Live, Work, and Visit. We Stand for Equality and Dignity for all and condemn injustice, including racial injustice, or intimidation." Jim seconded and moved.**

Policy Discussion about Signage on Town Property:

Dave Stoner explained that the Secretary of State stated that permission to have political signs on public property is handled individually by each Town, not statewide. **After discussion, Bruce made a motion to not allow political signs on Town property, seconded and moved.** A letter will be sent out to the local political candidates.

Academy Woodlot Forest Management Plan:

Susan said that the Academy Woodlot Forest plan was completed last year and she would like it added to both the school and town websites. Michelle said there is some information on the town website for the woodlot, but if Susan sends her the information, she will also add the management plan as well.

Old Home Day:

Angel reported that due to Covid-19, the Craftsbury Recreation Committee decided Old Home Day will be canceled this year.

Committee Reports & Appointees:

Susan discussed the Energy and Neighbor to Neighbor Committee's firewood project they are working on to help those in need.

Susan said the Planning Commission is working on affordable housing. In September, the Planning Commission is hoping the Vermont Environment Conservation Department will offer waste water treatment options in the Village.

Road Foreman's Report:

Bruce said the plow and body are being added to the new truck now.

Bruce reported the new furnace was installed at the Town Garage yesterday.

Jay asked if some gravel could be brought to Scott's Lane, which is a class 4 road. Jay said the Town has only has put gravel once on the road, that he remembers. The Selectboard will talk to Steve.

Bruce asked for Michelle to put Coburn Hill signage on the next agenda, as requested by William Quinn.

Clerk Report:

Tax payments are steadily coming in.

Primary Election is Tuesday, August 11 at the Town Hall.

Walk-ins that have business to come before the Select Board:

None

Other Business:

None

The Selectboard Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next Selectboard Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Warren, Selectboard Clerk